

Greenbriar Endures Power Outages, Up to One Week

by James Giese

The recent prolonged power outage in the Greenbriar community was a matter of great interest to the Greenbelt City Council at its September 17 worksession meeting with Pepco representatives, particularly for the two members who live in that community, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Judith Davis. The outage was unusual in that it affected only some of the homes at the condominium complex or even just some of the electrical service within a home.

When Davis called Pepco to complain of the outage, the automated answering system there responded that her telephone was an unrecognized number. She expressed frustration at not being able to talk to a real person. Davis’s call to Greenbriar brought the response that it was a Pepco problem, she said.

Tami Watkins, public affairs manager of Pepco, responded that at that time Pepco didn’t know

what the problem was and would not have been able to respond if Davis’ call had reached someone. (Davis’ number was not recognized because she didn’t have a separate meter for her home but was on a community system.)

The outage began around 10 p.m., Sunday, September 7, according to Davis. She called about a half hour later. It was not until 11:30 that Pepco confirmed that there was a power outage, Watkins said.

Why the delay? The Pepco system did not show a power outage. There are not individual meters for Greenbriar homes. Five master meters record the power delivered to the three sections of Greenbriar and the rental apartments at Glen Oaks. Since there was only a partial outage to homes, the meters continued to record usage and did not trip any Pepco alarms.

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At Meeting, Springhill Lake Overcrowding Discussed

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with the Prince George’s County Board of Education on August 4. Issues discussed at the meeting regarding Greenbelt Middle School and the Robert Goddard French Immersion School, now occupying the old Greenbelt Middle School building, were published in the August 14 Greenbelt News Review. The remaining topics are discussed below.

Dr. Kevin Maxwell, chief executive officer, and Peggy Higgins, Greenbelt’s elected school board representative, were there on behalf of the school board while council was represented by all members except Judith Davis. Also participating were several members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Maxwell described his first year as CEO of the school system. He mentioned having a transition group which looked at the school

system from both the inside and outside. A stakeholder survey was also undertaken, he said.

Maxwell visited all 205 schools last year, trying to get into a classroom in each. He said you can learn much from visiting classrooms.

He came to Prince George’s County as a child and graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1969. He described his career in this county, in Montgomery County, in leading the school system in Anne Arundel County and then returning here.

When Mayor Emmett Jordan asked about goals for the coming year, Maxwell said his overarching goal is “improving literacy and numeracy.” There must be qualified persons in all positions, he said. He added that expanding pre-school is very important, although the system did not get all the funds it had hoped for.

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Belle Point Tot Lot and Aquatic Center Fee Increase Okayed

by Kathleen Gallagher

At its September 22 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council discussed and took action on three items introduced at its September 8 meeting. Plans to go forward with the site of the Belle Point Tot Lot, which have been in the works one way or another for decades, were adopted 6 to 1 with Rodney Roberts voting against the motion because of concerns not raised previously about the safety of the location. Legislation to implement fee increases at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) and an extension of the city’s now-expired franchise agreement with Comcast passed unanimously.

Belle Point

When Belle Point was built, long before there was a Greenbelt Forest Preserve, the builders deeded land in 1987 to the city to be used for recreational purposes by Belle Point residents. When the decision was later made to incorporate 10 acres of this land into the Forest Preserve as the Belle Point Preserve, the ordinance taking that action con-

tained a proviso that the preserve would exclude an area “adequate in size and dimension to accommodate playground, picnic or similar neighborhood recreation amenities” to be designated in the future by council for use by the residents of Belle Point. Residents agreed that a tot lot playground was needed.

In August the city received notice that the Maryland Board of Public Works had approved its request for funding through the Community Parks and Playgrounds grant program to build the playground. At its September 8 meeting, council directed staff to stake the playground and requested the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Belle Point residents to inspect the site and provide comments.

The city received no comments subsequent to the staking, however. Previously, Robert Snyder, chair of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, had attended an August 11 council meeting to request the city not build the tot lot within the forest preserve.

Mayor Emmett Jordan noted the seclusion of the area. However, brush is to be cut down, which would allow a view of the playground from a path and some Belle Point homes. Councilmember Judith Davis requested that the city make every effort to use permeable materials for a path leading into the woods.

Roberts then announced he would vote against approving the plan because upon seeing the site, he found it to be too secluded for a children’s playground. He described it as “an accident or bad thing waiting to happen.”

Best Available

Everyone else maintained the site was the best available and that clearing of existing brush and some scrub trees will make it sufficiently visible. Councilmember Leta Mach asked Roberts to remember that a tot lot is designed for tots, who will not be going to the playground alone.

According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the city designates tot lots for ages 2 to

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Theater Renovation Is Stalled; Future Opportunities Considered

by Thomas X. White

At a city council worksession on September 10, council discussed issues related to operating the Greenbelt theater once the ongoing, but now temporarily stalled, phase 1 renovations are completed sometime in early 2015. All seven members of council were present.

Council last discussed this topic at an October 21, 2013, worksession with representatives of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation and Friends of the Greenbelt Theater. Those groups advocated that council consider a cooperative business model for operating the theater.

That worksession was followed by a November 7, 2013, memo from City Manager Michael McLaughlin outlining the history of the city’s operation of the theater since the theater was purchased and discussed several approaches the city could use to determine how best to select the next theater operator. For this worksession the Community Center multipurpose room was filled to near capacity because of the many organizations involved.

McLaughlin advised council that the delay in the renovation project is primarily due to the delay by Pepco scheduling the installation of electrical equip-

ment necessary to upgrade power supply for the building that houses the movie theater and other businesses. In addition, during the planned renovation of the theater restrooms, a large duct was uncovered in the existing ladies restroom that presents an issue for transforming it into a men’s restroom as part of the project to provide handicap-accessible restrooms.

On the good news side, the expected cost for the theater renovation is still projected at \$1.2 million, McLaughlin said, and the city has been advised it will receive an additional \$100,000 grant from Prince George’s County, mainly through the efforts of County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. He also reminded council that the end of fiscal year fund balance could yield an additional \$200,000 in the city’s fund balance that could be made available for the theater project.

Procurement Options

McLaughlin reviewed the three approaches discussed in his 2013 memo for procuring a theater operator. They included:

1. Publicly solicit/recruit interest in operating the theater. This would be through a request for proposal (RFP) process similar to the approach the city

used to select a consultant to do organizational assessment and economic development studies. Interested parties would respond with their proposals.

2. Select one or more persons/groups to negotiate an operating agreement. This would be similar to #1, except the city would select a limited number of people or groups with which to negotiate. Possible candidates might be the existing operator, other theater operators and those organizations that specialize in operating independent, historic and art film venues in the area.

3. Use the city contribution group model. Here non-profit or associated groups could be considered similar to the Greenbelt Arts Center or the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club that receive financial support from the city.

Far Ranging

Councilmembers Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts described the scenario of the opportunity to “rescue” the theater from the owner, who was considering transforming the space into a mini-mall, when his indebtedness to the city offered the city the chance to acquire the theater space.

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 27

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Public Lands Day, Schrom Hills Park

1 p.m., Annual Senior Open Forum, Community Center, Room 201

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 103

Sunday, October 5

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for September 29 and 30 are as follows:

Monday – Cranberry juice, hamburger, tater, tots , coleslaw, hot spiced fruit.

Tuesday – Apple juice, baked chicken thigh, Italian mixed vegetables, white bean salad with olives, hot cinnamon peaches.

Menus for Wednesday through Friday were not yet available at the time of publication.

GHI Notes

Friday, September 26. OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency Maintenance will be available.

Saturday, September 27. 9:30-10 a.m. – Plant Swap – GHI Administration Building

Sunday, September 28. 10 a.m. – Are You Ready? (Disaster Preparedness Event)-Roosevelt Center

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Senior Oktoberfest Coming Next Week

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting its annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the gym at the Community Center. Angela Hancock, otherwise known as “Seniorita” Sunshine, will provide the musical entertainment from 1 to 2 p.m. and then light refreshments will be served. This afternoon of fun, music and food is free. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

Garden Public Art Designs Presented

Something new will be springing up in three prominent Greenbelt gardens next year: public art! The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and alight dance theater, in partnership with the City of Greenbelt, are reviewing design proposals for artwork to be installed at the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens located at the Greenbelt Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Schrom Hills Park. Designs from six finalists are being considered. Three works of art will be commissioned for indefinite, long-term display.

On Wednesday, October 1 at 7 p.m. in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center members of the public are invited to see and discuss proposed designs and meet the artists.

Created and maintained by CHEARS volunteers, the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens serve as outdoor classrooms for community education on Chesapeake Bay-friendly, sustainable gardening practices. The addition of artwork at these sites is intended to beautify the gardens and provide focal points for activities. Each work will incorporate text identifying the garden and its sponsors. This initiative is made possible with the support of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

For additional information contact Kelly McLaughlin at kellymclaughlin87@icloud.com or 919-931-1961.

More Community Events
can be found throughout the paper

DCH Wins Diabetes Education Grant

The Doctors Community Hospital Foundation is one of 12 organizations in Maryland and Washington, D.C. that recently received grants from Quality Health Foundation in support of local healthcare quality improvement efforts. The \$25,000 grant will be used to expand the hospital’s “On the Road Diabetes Self-Management” program by hiring a bilingual nurse to reach Latino communities throughout Prince George’s County.

Fracking Update

There is currently a moratorium on fracking in Maryland, while the state collects more information. The Marcellus Shale Safe-Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission established in June 2011 is releasing a draft final report this fall. Over the summer, it also issued several other reports available at its website.

Now is the time for public comment and to consider asking the Governor to extend the current moratorium while more in-depth studies can be done.

Come learn more about what the commission has and has not been able to accomplish and what actions we can take with respect to fracking in Maryland.

Our speaker will be Shilpa Joshi, the new Maryland Campaign Coordinator for Chesapeake Climate Action Network. For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.

Lake Artemesia Audubon Bird Event

On Saturday, September 27, the Prince George’s Audubon Society (PGAS) is holding its first-ever birding event, celebrating the diversity of migratory birds and their epic journeys between North, Central and South America.

Kick off the morning with a bird walk on Lake Artemesia’s paved trails at 7:30 am. The habitat attracts waterfowl, songbirds, raptors and butterflies. Meet in the parking lot at Berwyn Road and 55th Avenue. All levels of experience are welcome.

PGAS will provide a variety of games for children in English and Spanish; spotting scopes and binoculars will be available and Audubon volunteers and Master Naturalists will be on hand throughout the event, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A 10 a.m. nature walk will cover birds and butterflies, including how monarch butterflies are caught, tagged and released to learn more about how to help them as habitats are disappearing. Live raptors from Clearwater Nature Center will be on view from 10 a.m. to noon, with a talk at 11 a.m. by a Clearwater Park Naturalist. Free brochures are available in Spanish; several volunteers and Master Naturalists are Spanish-speakers as well.

For more information, call Maureen Blades at 301-262-5148.

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Sunday, Sept. 28 & Wednesday, October 1
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Greenbelt Arts Center

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GAC Annual Meeting – October 22 at 7:30pm
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For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770** or
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BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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Seniors to Hold Annual Open Forum

This year’s annual open forum, sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, will be held on Saturday, September 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 201 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Greenbelters of all ages are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from city officials, including representatives from Public Works, Planning, Police Department and the city council. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated.

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R = ID Required
(!) = No passes, (!!) = No passes weekend

WEEK OF SEPT 26

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG-13
11:20, 4:15, 9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy, PG-13
1:40, 6:55
Dolphin Tale 2, PG (!)
11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
The Boxtrolls, in 2D, PG (!)
11:30, 4:50, 6:55
The Boxtrolls, in 3D, PG (!)
9:10
The Equalizer, R (!)
11, 11:30, 1:30, 2, 4, 4:30, 6:40, 7:05, 9:30, 9:50
The Maze Runner, PG-13 (!!)
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45
No Good Deeds, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 2:20, 4:30, 7:25, 9:40
A Walk Among the Tombstones, R (!!)
11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30 (!!)

SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG-13
11:20, 4:15
Guardians of the Galaxy, PG-13
1:40, 6:55
Dolphin Tale 2, PG (!)
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The Boxtrolls, in 2D, PG (!)
11:30, 4:50, 6:55
The Boxtrolls, in 3D, PG (!)
1:45
The Equalizer, R (!)
11, 11:30, 1:30, 2, 4:30, 6:40, 7:05
The Maze Runner, PG-13
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10
No Good Deeds, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 2:20, 4:30, 7:25
A Walk Among the Tombstones, R
11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:20

THURSDAY
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG-13
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Guardians of the Galaxy, PG-13
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Dolphin Tale 2, PG (!)
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Annabelle, R (preshow)
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Obituaries

Marian Carle

Marian Lorrain Moore Carle, a long-time Greenbelter of some 50 years, died September 7, 2014, at Sanctuary of the Holy Cross in Burtonsville, where she had been living for a few months. She was born August 3, 1926, in Bloomington, Ill., to Harold and Vivian Moore.



Her family moved first to Richmond and then to Washington, D.C., where she met Ralph Derr Carle, whom she married on December 28, 1946. They bought their home at 112 Greenhill in the 1960s from Marian's parents. Ralph died on July 11, 1983 and in 1984 Marian moved to 18 Court Ridge.

Marian spent most of her work life at Glenn Dale Hospital (which closed in 1981), initially in Medical Records and the next 20 years or so in the Lab, where she managed the front desk. She retired in 1978.

Her hobbies were sewing, knitting and needlepoint, reading and watching old movies. She was a faithful volunteer for over a decade at the Greenbelt Library. Marian did her grocery shopping at the Co-op and each week bought food to donate to the Greenbelt Pantry, so much so that a volunteer made special trips to her home on a regular basis to pick up and deliver it to the pantry.

She loved and made sure to spoil the four-legged companions she had over the years, Vicky the terrier and cats Andy and Baby.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her two younger sisters Jorice and Martha, in 1988 and 1989, respectively. She is survived by a nephew, Paul Stover, of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Janice Schnurr, one of seven first cousins scattered throughout the United States.



Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Semifinalists for the National Achievement Program, ERHS students Pendo Abbo, Hilary Bediako, Briana Chambers, Ivie Ebhojiaye, Carl Graham, Kanon Mehta and Kameron Shepperd.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards and honors to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Community Church Welcomes Rev. Grindstaff

by Karen Yoho

Greenbelt Community Church welcomed a new pastor on September 15. The arrival of Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff is the culmination of a thorough selection process that began following the retirement of Rev. Daniel Hamlin in June 2012.



Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff

Rev. Grindstaff comes to Greenbelt having served for four years as pastor of Crossroads Community United Church of Christ in Melbourne, Fla. Prior to that she spent three years as pastor of Plattsburg United Church of Christ in South Charleston, Ohio. She also served two churches as a student/intern pastor prior to her ordination in June 2007.

Greenbelt Community Church members and friends met Rev. Grindstaff and her husband, Michael, during a weekend of informal "meet and greet" activities from July 25 to 27. Following the Sunday service, during which she preached, the congregation voted overwhelmingly on July 27

to call Rev. Grindstaff to be the new pastor.

Before becoming an ordained minister, Grindstaff was a fundraiser with United Way of Central Indiana. She also ran her own business

providing grant writing and fund development services for not-for-profit organizations.

"While we are happy to have our new pastor arriving, we are sorry to say goodbye to Rev. Clara Young," said Susan Breon, who headed up the pastoral search committee. Rev. Young had served as interim pastor through August. During her two years with the church, a building improvement plan was implemented that provided sanctuary improvements and energy savings for the church. Part of that project included restoration of the historic mural on the front sanctuary wall.

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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.



Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

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MakerSpace to Offer 3D Painting Class

Greenbelt MakerSpace will host its first technical-craft workshop of the Fall on Saturday, October 4, 3 to 5 p.m., on the topic of 3D design and printing. Students will learn how to use Sketchup, a free 3D modeling program, to design small objects such as jewelry suitable for printing on a 3D printer. The first few designs will be printed in class while others can be printed overnight. The new MakerSpace 3D printer supports both ABS and PLA plastic and can print in two colors.

Classes and workshops are ON at the Greenbelt MakerSpace! Go online at makerspace125.org to see all the classes and activities offered to kids and adults. Unless otherwise specified all activities are free, supported by donations, grants and sponsorships.

Army Band Plays

The Clarice Smith Center at the University of Maryland will be the site of a free concert by the Army Field Band on Sunday, September 28 at 3 p.m. in the Dekelbourn Concert Hall.

Photography, Glass Art Show at New Deal

An art reception will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. for the current exhibit on display at the Cafe.

Stop by and meet photographers Michael Smallwood, Mark Wamaling and glass artist Tina Van Pelt. Michael and Mark's photo exhibit represents two artists that have known each other for many years and share an interest in nature. As artists both have worked in various mediums throughout the years, but they have used photography to capture their vision of the American landscape as they have experienced it through their travels across the country.

Tina has been making fused glass since 2000. She likes to create her own murrina and incorporate it into her glass work. She also uses copper, silver and gold in her work. Music and light refreshments will be offered at the reception. Beer and wine will be available.

The New Deal Cafe Art Program is sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Cafe Arts (FOND-CA) with support from the City of Greenbelt.



"Regard ye the world as a man's body, which is afflicted with diverse ailments, and the recovery of which dependeth upon the harmonizing of all its component elements." - Baha'i Writings

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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September 28, 10 a.m.

A Faith for Today

Rev. Russ Savage; with Carol Boston, Worship Associate
Research tells us that the number of Americans who do not identify with any religion is growing rapidly. What are people seeking that faith traditions are not providing? Let's consider why our Unitarian Universalist faith might be a faith for the world and the times we live in. ~ This is a Signing Sunday: those who have decided to make PBUUC their spiritual home may sign our membership book; and those wishing to learn more about PBUUC or Unitarian-Universalism may meet with the minister at 11:30



Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

THEATER

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Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling stressed the intrinsic value of the theater to the viability of Roosevelt Center. Councilmembers Edward Putens and Silke Pope stressed the potential expanded utility of the renovated theater for other city and community functions.

After discussion it became clear that there was council agreement to use the second option, allowing the city to identify qualified individuals or organizations to be invited to submit proposals for operating the theater.

Audience Comments

Most citizens attending the meeting and speaking on the topic noted the opportunity to provide more community programs at the theater, not only movies. Caitlin McGrath, speaking on behalf of the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, urged council to consider the non-profit mode for the theater, noting that such a model would be best suited to adapt to community needs. Greater community use was echoed by others during the meeting.

Others praised the efforts of Paul Sanchez, the current operator, in bringing good first-run movies to the Greenbelt Theater. Still others decried the lack of matinees and films for children. Frank Gervasi noted the economic value of the theater to Roosevelt Center restaurants, providing statistical losses by the New Deal Café since the theater had closed for renovations.

Brief discussion wrapped up the worksession with council requesting the city manager develop a rough draft Request for Proposals by early October for consideration at a later regular council meeting. The response time for proposals to be received should be 60 days, with the possibility of their being an interim meeting held to respond to questions of interested parties, prior to proposal submission.

It was refreshing to see the entire Greenbelt Council supporting Peggy Higgins for Re-election as our District School Board representative. She has been our representative on the School Board for the past four years and has provided dedicated, quality services to our community and to the students. I have known Peggy for a number of years and have found her to be honest, conscientious and hard working with a commitment to improving services for the children and families of our communities. Beatrice Rodgers

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Co-opoly: A Game of Cooperatives

A combination of Life, Pictionary and Charades
Sunday, October 5 from 2-4 at the New Deal Café

Everyone is invited to play Co-opoly, a fun game where everyone wins, or everyone loses – just like in a real cooperative. Players collaborate to start and run a democratic business. In order to survive as individuals and to strive for the success of their co-op, they make tough decisions regarding big and small challenges. Come and have fun as you test your teamwork abilities and learn more about cooperative enterprises.

This free event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance.




The Nightingale Trio creates harmonies from Eastern Europe to enchant and transport you. This internationally renowned female a capella trio has been featured on *A Prairie Home Companion*.

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Sunday, September 28 6-8 pm
The New Deal Café
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 29-October 3

Monday, September 29 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: Pending Litigation** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, October 1 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** re: Legal Counsel/Abandoned Properties at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103. On the Agenda: Review of Trails Map – American Discovery Trail Alignment, Report on Public Scoping Meeting for FBI Headquarters Environmental Impact Statement (September 23; 5:30 – 8:30; library), Report on Stakeholder meeting with Beltway Plaza from APB members, Update on Various Planning Projects 1.Chesapeake Bay Trust Stormwater Grant Application, 2. Bus Shelter on Hanover Parkway at Hunting Ridge, 3. Transit Stakeholder Meeting, 4.Greenbelt Station South Core.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

ANNUAL SENIOR OPEN FORUM

Saturday, September 27 at 1:00pm,
Greenbelt Community Center
Room 201

This is your chance to speak and be heard about issues that concern you in Greenbelt.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Are you BRAIN Fit?

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program is kicking off its 2014 Brain Fitness Program! Offering memory assessments, Word Strategy Games and more. Assessments begin MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(8) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, September 29, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss pending litigation.


Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 112 of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consult with legal counsel to discuss abandoned properties.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk




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Info: Brian Townsend 240-542-2158
btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

Step Squad’s Stomps Shake Up City Council Meeting

by Kathleen Gallagher

If anyone in the Greenbelt area had the right kind of seismometer the evening of September 8, there is no doubt that emergency services would have received a call about an earthquake shaking the municipal building a little after 8 p.m. Although the floor of the council room was seriously moving, the cause was not an earthquake but an impromptu demonstration requested by Mayor Emmett Jordan of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Step Squad, Dem’ Raider Boyz, which is celebrating its 13th anniversary this year.

Many of the team members attended the city council meeting that night so that the city could recognize them as the first-place winners in Youth Step USA’s 2014 national stepping competition in May. All councilmembers except Leta Mach were present.

As reported in the June 19 issue of this paper, the team had placed second in the competition in 2013 and seized its first national win this year. Stepping or step-dancing draws on many different forms of dance and performance and is most notably rooted in the traditions of African-American fraternities and sororities at Historically

Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

In addition to the team members, ERHS Assistant Principal Sandra Lyles, Coach Richard Melvern (himself a former member of the squad) and team sponsor Maryanne Savercool all spoke briefly about the hard work and self-discipline the team puts into both its performances and its academics.

Receiving certificates of appreciation from the city at the meeting were squad members Diallo Boubacar (a team captain), Elijah Achu, Walter Little, Immanuel Oliver, Alfred Wallfall, Julian Carter, Timothy Roy, Brian Murray and Joe Wolde-mariam. Unable to attend the meeting were squad members Olu Pascucci-Laniyonu (a team captain), Harsh Atit, John Blanco, Emanuel Demissie, Keanu Lowndes, Marquise Lawson, Orin Waaldijk and Leslie Jones-Dove.

To watch the Step Squad’s performance at the Greenbelt City Council meeting, go to greenbeltmd.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=519. To watch their winning performance at the national competition, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab7ps_yxGaI.

City Notes

Animal Control volunteers took available animals to movie night. Approximately \$600 was raised at the Pooch Plunge.

Public Works staff and the assistant city manager met with representatives from Urban Grid about solar power for the city.

Horticulture/Parks crew removed porcelain-berry (Amur peppervine), a deciduous, woody vine which has become a serious invader in the eastern U.S.

CARES Andrew Waldron, an MSW student at Catholic University, is now a Social Work Intern working in the GAIL department.

Dinosaur Program Offered by CPAE

On Saturday, October 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) program will be about dinosaurs. Discover dinosaurs that lived locally. The team from Laurel’s Dinosaur Park will come to the Old Parish House to share real, locally-discovered fossils from the Cretaceous Period, 110 million years ago. Afterwards take part in ongoing fossil collecting in Laurel at the park’s free open house. This program is ideal for ages 4 and up.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park on the corner of Knox and Dartmouth Rds, near the Metro station. Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

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SHL Elementary

Councilmember Silke Pope thanked Maxwell for all of the work that had been completed at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL) over the summer. But, she said, conditions at the school are still not good. The school is “bursting at the seams” and there are more temporary classrooms.

It was mentioned that even though some new modular classrooms have lavatories, there were none in the cafeteria or gym.

Pope added that there are new homes under construction in Greenbelt West and that the school must be appealing for these (and current) parents.

While Maxwell did not address SHL overcrowding specifically, he did refer to conversations he has had in trying to get the state to approve a new funding mechanism for Prince George’s County and Baltimore City. Higgins commented that it would be years before enough money was obtained from the state and that a different source of funding must be sought.

State-wide Testing

Pope went on to question the fairness of state-wide testing. SHL has a large special education wing and the school’s test scores are affected by the student mix, she said. Maxwell replied that parents and others have to read the score information carefully to see that a mix of children is included. He indicated that there is a federal requirement that every student take the tests.

When Jordan asked Higgins

for an update on the other Greenbelt schools, she reported that a new principal, George Covington, has just been named for Greenbelt Middle School. She mentioned that Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) has had a problem with air conditioning, which is being worked on this year. That would allow summer school to return to ERHS.

SHL Concerns

SHL issues were brought back up by Higgins, who reported a 25 percent over capacity. There is also 40 percent mobility within each school year, she said. Although some other schools could take some of the students, she added, most live in the apartment community.

Pope pointed out that children in the special education wing come from a much wider geographic area. Maybe some of those students could be shifted elsewhere, she suggested.

No boundary changes will affect Greenbelt this year. Any proposed changes for the next school year will be proposed in November and December and finalized next spring.

During the question period, Vijay Kowtha, a parent, asked about returning robotics clubs to schools and the community. Maxwell said that he had attended robotics competitions but that the issue of sponsoring teams in schools and the community is complicated. In addition, there are many competing interests for which funding is being sought, he added.

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5 and designs the site and equipment appropriately.

Councilmember Edward Putens stressed that the playground would serve Charlestowne North and Charlestowne Village as well as Belle Point and that the overgrowth will be trimmed. Jordan confirmed that he would vote for the project although he did have some reservations about the measures needed to keep the site visible and safe.

The two Belle Point residents present argued vehemently for approval. Councilmember Silke Pope has been an advocate for the playground since she has been on council, saying that Belle Point has waited too long to have a play area for children. She and resident Darrin Washington said children now have nowhere to play except in the street and between cars in the parking lot and that the city has no better alternative to offer. Washington said he has two children and considers the proposed playground to be safer than current practice.

Fee Increase

The city’s budget for the current fiscal year includes an across-the-board increase of three percent for all pass fees, as well as daily admission fee increases of 25 and 50 cents, respectively, for residents and non-residents at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GFAC). Council unanimously adopted a resolu-

tion to implement the increases, which will take effect on October 1. Pass fees were last increased two years ago. It has been five years since there was an increase in daily admission rates. Costs at the GAFC are partly funded by pass and daily admission fees and partly funded through the general tax base.

Comcast Agreement

The city’s franchise agreement with Comcast expired on April 1. The group negotiating a new contract, which includes representatives from the county and from the county’s 27 municipalities, has been meeting with Comcast representatives since the beginning of this year. Comcast is involved in a proposed merger with Time-Warner and its negotiations on all its contracts are proceeding very slowly.

As a temporary solution, Comcast has agreed to extend all the terms of the prior agreement until final action can be taken to renew or terminate the franchise. The potential duration of this temporary agreement is set not by date but by the occurrence of specific events. It is expected that all jurisdictions participating in the Prince George’s County negotiations will approve this agreement as their existing contracts expire. Council adopted a resolution approving the extension of the franchises agreement.

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By 2 a.m. Pepco had determined it was not a problem with the Pepco system, Watkins said. It was first thought to be an underground fault in the Pepco system, but the problem was thought to have been within the private system for the development. A Pepco crew stayed on-site with an electrician working for Condo-minium Ventures, Inc. (CVI), the management firm for Greenbriar, until 3 p.m., she said.

Third World

Davis continued to vent frustration at not being able to talk to a real person at Pepco. “It’s almost like living in a third world country,” she complained. Watkins responded that it was an unusual situation in that it was only a partial outage and the meters kept running. She also advised Davis to call CVI in the future on power outages, since, not having a meter of her own, the Pepco system is unable to identify her as a customer. Davis did note that at CVI, you can get a real person upon making an emergency-type call.

According to Davis in a later interview, the outage initially affected Phases 1 and 2 of Greenbriar, but eventually included Phase 3 and Glen Oaks as well. She was totally out of electricity for one day. For three days she had no hot water. She had no air conditioning until Monday, September 15, an outage of more than a week. It was her understanding that the length of time it took was due to the slowness in obtaining needed replacement

parts for the system.

Davis said that CVI staff were positioned at the parking lot exits to tell residents leaving for work about the situation. She thought CVI should have also used its system of placing notices on unit doors to inform the residents. She thought they could have gone to an office supply shop to have the notices printed, since the Greenbriar offices, too, were without power.

Street Lights

Apparently unrelated, but occurring during the same time period, was an outage of street lights in Greenbriar. The street lights were restored on the day of the meeting, September 17, Watkins said. Jordan commented that he felt a 10 day outage for street lights was too long.

Assistant Public Works Director, Jim Sterling, said in a subsequent interview, that he understood the problem to have been an underground fault.

Street lights are installed by Pepco, but at the expense of

the city. The city makes the determination as to the number and type of light used, although usually following standards recommended by Pepco. Pepco maintains the lights, charging a monthly fee for each light to the city. The city was a leader in the installation of mercury vapor and sodium vapor lights in place of incandescent. These lights, while more costly to purchase, consume less energy, are longer lasting and provide better light output.

At the worksession, Sterling told council that for the new development at Greenbelt Station the city tried to have installed LED lights, but was told by Pepco that this even more energy efficient type of lighting was not available. The three options available were typical light fixtures, he said. Jerry Pasternak, vice president of Pepco for the Maryland region, who was also present at the meeting, said that he thought LED lights were available and asked Watkins to look into the matter.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
September 15, 12:54 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man and a woman were in their home when the man left to take out the trash. The woman was in the bedroom. When the man returned he found a man he did not know in his living room holding two laptop computers. The man asked the unknown man (suspect) what he was doing, to which he replied he needed money. The resident man retrieved money and gave it to the suspect. The suspect then ordered the man and the woman to the floor. He then took the two computers, a purse and the money and began to leave the residence. The man tried to stop him, at which time the suspect punched him in the face and fled. The suspect is described as a black man, 20 to 30 years of age, tall, with a muscular build, wearing a black shirt and dark pants.

Theft
September 11, 5 p.m., 16 Court Ridge Road. A parcel package was taken from the front porch of a residence.

September 11, 6:50 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from a display shelf at the Target department store.

September 12, 1:43 p.m., 62 Court Ridge Road. A silver Schwinn 21-speed road bike was taken.

September 12, 9 p.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive. A parcel package was taken from the front steps of a residence. It was located nearby a short time later, empty.

September 14, 8:40 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An unattended purse at a residence was taken.

Disorderly Conduct
September 10, 9:50 p.m., 5500 block Greenbelt Road. Officers responded to Chipotle's Restaurant for a report of a disorderly person (32-year-old nonresident man) and told him to leave. He returned two more times and again was disorderly but fled prior to the officer arriving. He was located the next day in the 5600 block Cherrywood Lane and was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and trespass. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary
September 15, 9 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. Keys were taken after the front door to an office suite was forced open.

September 16, 5 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Entry was made into a residence and items were moved but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism
September 12, 11:24 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. The bedroom window of a residence was broken between August 20 and September 3 but not reported until the current date.

Vehicle Crime
Three vehicles were stolen: A white 2001 Dodge Caravan with Md. tag M612393, taken from the 7700 block Mandan Road; a white 4-door 2005 Dodge Stratus with Ohio tag EWY3769, taken from the 7800 block Mandan Road; and a 4-door white 2013 Buick Verano with Md. tag 6BF9688, stolen from the 6800 block Megan Lane.

Two vehicles were recovered. A 2007 Honda Accord reported stolen June 29 from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road was recovered September 13 by Prince George's County police in the 11700 block Beltsville Drive, Beltsville, with no arrests made. A 2002 Dodge Stratus taken from the 7500 block Mandan Road on September 13 was recovered September 15th by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 5500 block 4th Street, N.E., with no arrests made.

The ignition system of a car in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace was damaged in an apparent attempt to steal it. A window may have been down, allowing access.

Two thefts from vehicles occurred after windows were broken to gain access: 7200 block Hanover Drive (luggage) and 6400 block Ivy Lane (portable wi-fi hotspot unit). A window was also broken in the 7200 block Hanover Drive but nothing was taken.

Thefts from unlocked vehicles occurred at Buddy Attick Park (laptop computer) and in the 6800 block Megan Lane (wallet).

Vandalism occurred in the 9100 block Edmonston Road where the right front window of a vehicle was broken.

Calling All Hidden Home Movies!

This year, for the first time, Utopia Film Festival (UFF) will have a screening slot for home movies and would like to have entries from Greenbelters. Perhaps you have some old 8mm, Super-8 or 16mm films in your basement, attic or closet that you haven't watched in years because no one has a projector that works anymore?

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Additionally, the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre have partnered with the Prince George's Memory Project (PGMP), which aims to provide the current, former, and future residents of the County with a visual record of its people, accomplishments, trials and community. They have yet to collect any films from Greenbelt, so now is our chance to add to the collective history of our county. The PGMP is gathering films from across the county to be digitized and added to their online database, at no cost to the donor. You can see examples of the work they have done so far at princegeorgesmemoryproject.org.

If you have films you'd like to share, please email Caitlin McGrath at caitlinmcgrath02@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, September 25, enjoy Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. and Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, September 26, John Guernsey plays the piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Hard Swimmin' Fish take the stage from 8 to 11 p.m. with Mississippi and Piedmont blues. Soulful originals and classics are offered up with high energy, masterful musicianship and spirited vocals. A Café favorite, reservations are recommended.

Saturday, September 27, a Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer will be going on from 1 to 5 p.m. Join Greg in this community jam session. Guernsey will play piano standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Black Masala, drawing their musical inspiration from Eastern European brass bands and New Orleans Jazz, will close out the 2nd Annual Greenbelt Rhythm and Drum Festival inside the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

Join the Deaf Brunch on Sunday, September 28 from 10:30 a.m. till noon. In the afternoon, join us for an Art Reception and explore the photography of Michael Smallwood and Mark Wamaling and the glass art of Tina Van Pelt from 3 to 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and beer and wine will be available.

Tuesday, September 30, the Susan Jones Quartet will perform original and jazz standards from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, Randy "Windtalker" Motz will take you on a journey through the Southwest, and Alaska with his soothing Native American flute playing and stunning photographs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Alight Dance Salutes Women in War of 1812

Alight dance theater will premiere Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War on Saturday, October 4 at 3 and 8 p.m. at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Rd, Bowie. Created as a part of "Star Spangled 200," a commemoration of the War of 1812, the piece tells the often-overlooked stories of the era's women who lived in Maryland or Washington, D.C.

Through a fusion of dance, music, and narration, Frontline explores the burdens shouldered and the opportunities seized by women as a young nation sent its husbands, fathers and sons into war once again. The piece features stories based on the following women from the time period: Betsy Bonaparte, a Baltimore socialite and briefly the sister-in-law of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte; Rosalie Calvert, mistress of the Riversdale Mansion; Dolley Madison, wife of President James Madison; Mary

Young Pickersgill, the seamstress credited with constructing the Star Spangled Banner made famous by Francis Scott Key; Kitty Knight, a folk heroine credited with saving homes in Georgetown from being burned by British troops; and Sukey, a domestic servant of Dolley Madison who was known to be the first lady's constant companion during these war years. Bedlam, a Bowie-based ensemble that specializes in American colonial vocal and instrumental music, will provide live accompaniment for the piece.

The program will also feature a reprise of Dependent by resident choreographer Wayles Haynes. Dependent investigates the public's perception and personal experiences of military families in this contemporary era of war. Tickets for the performance may be purchased online at www.alightdancetheater.org and are free for children younger than 12 (see ad for details).

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Co-op Month Proclamation in City Council Chambers

Oct. 13-17

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October 15 7-8pm

Healthy Horizons Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

Oct. 16 - 9am – 2pm

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Oct. 17 4-7pm

Wine Tasting Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

Oct. 18 9-12 noon

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Oct. 19 1-3pm

GHI Picnic, Hamilton Place

Oct. 19 3-4:40pm

Greenbelt News Review & Museum "Remembering Izzy Reception and Cartoon Contest Awards", Community Center.

Oct. 21 10am-2pm

Evergreen Health Co-op at City Health Fair, Community Center

Oct. 26

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Successful SIDS Walk Takes Place at Greenbelt Lake

by Brittany Britto

Families, friends and volunteers gathered around the finish line with applause and words of encouragement to watch loved ones, ages 10 and up, participate in Sunday's 11th annual Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Walk.

Organized by long time SIDS activist Joanie Horschler, the walk festivities began at 8 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park with a 5k race around Greenbelt Lake. Runners participated in remembrance of the infants who had lost their lives to SIDS, the sudden inexplicable death of infants ages one to 12 months old.

Couple Justin and Rebecca Himelberger from Springfield, Va., had a whole team of support behind them. Team Scarlett, a dynamic combination of friends and family, sported red shirts during the race in remembrance of the Himelbergers' daughter, Scarlett Madison Himelberger, who died of SIDS earlier this year in March at just three months old.

"We learned about the SIDS Walk from [Horschler's] book, which helped us more than anything," said Justin Himelberger, referring to Horschler's "SIDS and Infant Death Survival Guide." The book compiles SIDS facts, information and advice for grieving families and professionals impacted by the tragic syndrome.

"Hope is bringing everyone together for this cause. It's great to know other people who have lost infants are here to connect," Himelberger said. "It's also a fun way to remember [Scarlett]."

Girl Scout troops from Greenbelt and Largo also came out to lend a helping hand, offering refreshments to runners after every lap. Girl Scout cadet Amira Smith, 12, and senior cadet Athena Jones, 15, from Greenbelt Troop 2799, were both volunteering for their second year at the SIDS walk, a decision they made on their own said Greenbelt Troop leader Shazada Sharif.

Happy with Turnout
"I am very happy with the turnout. There are more people here than last year, but we always hope for more support and participants than there are families who lost a baby to SIDS," Horschler said. She added that the group has raised an average of \$18,000 each year for the cause with the SIDS Walk, totaling nearly \$200,000 in donations.

Although the walk has been successful in raising money for SIDS, a leading cause of infant mortality, the effort does not come without hard work.

"I try my best to educate people about SIDS, and that it is not caused by suffocation. Horschler said it is a natural death, which is very hard for the SIDS parents to learn." She herself lost her son, Christian Gabriel Horschler, at just two months old in 1991.

While medical research is now progressive, education on SIDS has not always been as advanced on the subject as it is today.

"My son died just two weeks before a back to sleep campaign. Had my doctor told me to put my son on his back, I would have," said Horschler, who had not been aware of the safety hazard of placing an infant on



PHOTO BY BRITTANY BRITTO

Greenbelt Mayor Jordan honored winners Tiffany Hill of College Park, Samantha McDonald of Cheverly and Madeleine Mayuga of Upper Marlboro for their top race times of female runners in the SIDS Walk on Sunday, Sept. 14. Greenbelt Councilmember Judith Davis presented medals while SIDS Walk organizer Joani Horschler announced the winners.

its stomach. Those early developments of a back to sleep campaign are now a nationwide effort, called the National Safe to Sleep Campaign, an initiative stressing the importance of infants sleeping on their backs to reduce the occurrence of SIDS.

Though the exact causes of SIDS remain unknown, factors known to increase the risk include smoking during pregnancy and overheating, with infants sleeping on their stomachs being a leading risk, according to the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Chattanooga.

On the day of Horschler's son's death, Christian had been placed on his belly when put to sleep. However, when the infant was found resting on his right cheek, suffocation was ruled out as a cause, Horschler said, thus push-

ing her actively to educate others about the mysteries and tragedies of SIDS.

SIDS Information
In addition to her donations to SIDS medical research, Horschler publishes and distributes SIDS information brochures to hospitals and pediatrician offices and circulates her book on the subject. She gives free copies to low-income families.

Horschler also runs the SIDS and Infant Death Support Group for the Washington, D.C. area. Based out of Largo, Md., the group offers an open forum for those affected by SIDS, giving them a safe place to discuss their experiences of grief and loss.

"I am truly honored to be here," said Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan to Horschler. "We're learning more and more. What

this run has done and the money and awareness you have raised for this cause are truly amazing."

After the race, both Mayor Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis led attendees through song and the prayer "We Remember Them" from the Jewish Prayer Book before honoring top-placing runners with medals.

The SIDS Walk was followed by a Kids Fun Run for ages nine and under. It concluded with an assortment of breakfast pastries, beverages, SIDS paraphernalia and live music with a guitar cameo by Mayor Jordan.

Brittany Britto is a University of Maryland student writing for the News Review.

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) invites you to a free clinic with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) on the topic of "Developing Winners in Life Through Sports."



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GMST is offering this event free of charge as a service to the Greenbelt community. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 2pm in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library. Space is limited, so if you'd like to attend please send your RSVP to randyontiveros@gmail.com. And spread the word!

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Manager Reports \$400,000 City Surplus for FY 2014

by Thomas X. White

City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s annual update of information to the Greenbelt City Council on city finances, brought forth the good news that city operations achieved an unexpected \$400,000 budgetary surplus for the past fiscal year. The update was presented at the September 3 worksession, at which all councilmembers were present.

The update covers mainly the city’s end of fiscal year financial report, the top 10 project list, an annual review of Council Action Request (CAR) items and other timely topics. For this meeting the proposed Belle Point neighborhood playground project and the city’s potential use of available classrooms at the old Greenbelt Middle School were on the agenda.

Financial Report

Late August memos from City Treasurer Jeff Williams and McLaughlin provided highlights of the end of year financials that indicated good news to report on the city’s close of Fiscal Year 2014 results. Revenues for FY 2014 are projected to be just over \$600,000 higher than was estimated in late spring and expenditures for FY 2014 are now projected to be approximately \$170,000 higher than were estimated.

Based on those estimates, the city manager indicated that the net result will be that the fund balance for the city’s General Fund would increase by about \$400,000 over what had been estimated during council’s consideration of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

City staff attributed the higher end of year revenues primarily to two factors – one being lower real estate tax abatements than had been expected, based upon the prior year’s (FY 2013) experience. The second factor was a higher amount of city street construction permits within the Greenbelt Station South Core development in Greenbelt West. A combination of new fees and the developer’s payment of unpaid fees from prior years increased city revenues by \$505,000.

One immediate reaction to this bit of good news was captured by a remark from Councilmember Ed Putens, who wondered if it may not have been necessary to increase the city property tax rate for FY 2015 by three quarters of a cent.

The city manager’s response was that the unexpected increase in revenue will help to buffer the overall cost the city will incur for the Greenbelt Theater renovation and that he would like to see how the first quarter of FY 2015 goes (ending October 31, 2014). He noted that the city has not yet received the latest property tax estimates from the county that could affect the FY 2015 budget.

Belle Point Playground

Based on background materials provided by staff a new playground to serve the Belle Point neighborhood was contemplated as far back as 2007 with active planning beginning last year with the city applying for needed funding in August 2013. A year later the state Board of Public Works approved the playground project at an estimated cost of \$98,342.00.

Almost coincident with the

state approval, members of the city’s Forest Preserve Advisory Board expressed concern about the proposed location of the playground near the end of Vanity Fair Drive and just within the 10 acre Belle Point Forest Preserve that had been established in 2007. The site was dedicated to the City of Greenbelt by its former owners in October, 1987.

Language in the City Code which established the Belle Point Preserve states that: “... an area located adjacent to the Belle Point subdivision, adequate in size and dimension to accommodate playground, picnic, or similar neighborhood recreation amenities, as designated by the City Council, shall be considered excluded from the area included in the forest preserve and shall not be regulated by the provisions of this chapter....”

In Assistant City Manager David Moran’s August 18 memo to city council there is a staff recommendation that Belle Point be staked to afford the council, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Belle Point residents and others an opportunity to review the planned site and assess potential impacts to existing vegetation and trees.

Speaking on the topic, Councilmember Silke Pope said she appreciated the background materials provided by staff. She believes no other site is available to serve the neighborhood that has waited a significant amount of time for a playground. She also believes the proposed playground, more like a tot lot, will be welcomed by other residential developments adjacent to Belle Point.

Council Agrees

Council agreed to the suggestion that the proposed playground site be staked out as suggested and that the item be included at the September 8 council meeting. Following an opportunity for council and others to view the proposed site, the item would then be placed on the agenda for consideration on September 22.

Classrooms

The discussion of the middle school was updated in a city manager memo dated August 21 which was based primarily on a recent tour of the Old Greenbelt Middle School with Prince George’s County Public School System Chief Executive Officer Kevin Maxwell and School Board Representative Peggy Higgins on August 4. The newer portion of the Old Greenbelt Middle School has been renovated completely to accommodate the county’s French Immersion program. Students there are now enjoying that facility. On the other hand, the five classrooms in the original Greenbelt Middle School that the Board of Education (BOE) has offered to the City of Greenbelt have not been renovated. These are in poor condition from recent neglect. Reportedly they were flooded from failure of a sump pump serving that area of the school.

Based upon McLaughlin’s understanding, both Higgins and Maxwell have indicated that the school system could utilize those rooms and that the city would need to make a decision in the near future as to whether it intended to use them or not. The manager’s memo noted that the city’s FY 2015 budget includes \$50,000 in the Greenbelt West

Infrastructure fund that would pay rent and support staffing if a decision is made by council to take advantage of the offer. However, since no funds are budgeted for capital expenses, any programming would have to be self-supporting.

McLaughlin reminded council of discussions during consideration of the FY 2015 city budget where city staff had recommended that the city not use or lease the classroom space offered by BOE. His memo listed several reasons for that advice: 1) poor condition of the rooms and no funds budgeted for renovation, 2) insufficient number of restrooms or ADA accessibility to support city programming at that space, 3) the isolated location of OGMS relative to the Franklin Park neighborhood as compared to the city’s Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the new Greenbelt Middle School, 4) any funds invested at the Old Middle School are funds not available to be invested in the Rec. Center or in a future larger recreation center to serve all of Greenbelt West.

McLaughlin also noted that the FY 2015 budget does allow for development of a master plan for future recreational amenities and needs city wide.

Council discussion regarding the BOE offer regarding the five classrooms was generally negative, especially regarding the lack of communication between the BOE and the city. Most members felt there needed to be more clarity regarding the BOE’s offer and what they were expecting from the city.

Councilmembers Silke Pope and Leta Mach noted the effort that had been put forward by the city’s Greenbelt Middle School Task Force several years ago. They felt the project was seen as not going anywhere. Council agreed to try again to get more definitive conditions for the BOE offer and to schedule another work session.

Top 10 Plus One

In an August 19 memo, McLaughlin provided his Top 10 List (actually 11). One could assume that they are listed in order either of importance or of timing:

1. Closing out and auditing the FY 2014 budget and securing information from the county on estimated city property tax receipts for FY 2015 – a top

priority due to expectation of continued revenue constraints.

2. Economic Development Study being performed by Sage Policy Group. Awaiting strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis and results of community focus group sessions in August. Preliminary report from Sage by end of September.

3. Greenbelt Theater renovation work begun in June but work slowed by unexpected duct work conditions found during demolition as well as delays in Pepco electrical upgrade work. (Contractor will try to get back on schedule once Pepco work is completed.) Projected completion may be December/January. Council then requested an update every two weeks. Council worksession on “Theater Operations” scheduled for September 10.

4. Community Garden Boundary Issue with Garden Club and Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Substantial work was done in early spring, pruning limbs and removing trees which will be revisited in fall after growing season ends.

5. Greenbelt Station South Core development underway. Progress being monitored and a meeting with new residents will be scheduled when approximately 100 units have been occupied.

6. Greenbelt Station North Core area placed on list of three potential sites for location for consolidated Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters. Staff will stay in touch with principals and county and offer assistance as needed.

7. Sustainable Maryland Certification application filed in June 2014.

8. Greenbelt Lake dam repair work planned for June 2015.

9. City efforts in ongoing sustainability and energy efficiency. Energy efficient lights installed in Youth Center gym, the indoor pool and being installed at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Permeable parking lot surface is underway at Springhill Recreation Center. Energy-efficient lighting planned for public works and police departments.

10. Research done and recommendations made in response to concern about materials and surface temperatures at playgrounds, desire to remove shredded rubber from existing playgrounds and preparations for a

new playground in Belle Point neighborhood.

11. Additional recommendations from the city’s organizational assessment will be considered as part of preparation of FY 2016 budget.

Seven Items were removed from last year’s list. Transit system changes and support is now an ongoing effort. Greenbelt Middle School was also removed. The collective bargaining negotiations with police officers went to impasse and a three year contract was approved.

The Roosevelt Center commercial building roof issue has been addressed by the owner. Planning and Community Development staff is continuing to monitor the issue. A council worksession with the owner is on the council schedule in September.

The city is continuing discussions with Prince George’s County regarding the potential relocation of the Greenbelt Fire Station with the possibility of using a portion of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church property on Greenbelt Road.

Visioning goals for the city were completed in January and staff work will begin in December on 2015 Maryland legislative issues.

Action Requests


Council Action Requests are generated during discussions at council meetings and worksessions. This is a running tabulation of council requests for staff to check on, evaluate, take action on, research, explore, develop, review, refer, implement, prepare, revise, report or respond relating to any matter that may arise during a particular meeting.

The list’s most recent request from the August 18 meeting is a request to revise the city’s outdoor event permit proposal and go back to a request to review Section 11-42 of the City Code relating to parking made at the April 13, 2009, meeting.

Two such CARs date from 2009, four from 2010, two from 2011, four from 2012, eight from 2013 and 21 (out of 27) for the current year, 2014.

Mayor Emmett Jordan went through the list judiciously.

Council reviewed the list, removing a few, giving new delivery dates for a few others and making an effort to energize some lagging requests.



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